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SCHOROBINY HOUSE #1 AND #2
2 miles South of Quihi, Medina County, Texas.

Owner: Michel Schorobiny

Date of Erection: Early 1850's

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Rudolph Von Schorobiny

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: One and one-half with cellar.

Materials of Construction: Sandstone, adobe, plaster, cypress and cottonwood.

Other Existing Records: Deed in Medina County Courthouse.

Additional Data:

Mr. Von Schorobiny came to the United States from Germany in the early 1840's. He landed at Galveston with Prince Solm-Braunfels, the German founder of New Braunfels, Texas, but Mr. Schorobiny joined Henry D. Castro's colony and came to Castroville, then on to Quihi, which was also a part of Castro's grant. Mr. Von Schorobiny was appointed Justice of the Peace for the Quihi precinct under Governor Bell and later under Governor Sam Houston. He held that office continuously until his death, when his son Michel was elected to succeed his father. This position has been held by father and son for over one hundred years.

Mrs. Von Schorobiny at the age of sixteen, was captured by the Indians; her first home burned. She escaped the Indians and crawled two miles on her hands and knees to Quihi, Texas. Henry D. Castro deeded a house and lot in Castroville to Mr. and Mrs. Schorobiny but they built about one mile south of the original house on top of a hill, which is the present house.

The present Mr. Schorobiny was one of the first traveling correspondents of the "Frie Presse ob Texas", which was the first newspaper printed in the state of Texas.

The main house has three rooms, two downstairs and one upstairs, a front porch and cellar. There are two fireplaces. The small house was built by Mrs. Mayer, who was Mr. Schorobiny's grandmother, and consisted of two rooms one upstairs and one downstairs.

The upstairs room was reached by a short ladder, which was pulled up each night upon retiring. Both houses have pitched roofs, covered with hand split cypress shingles laid on random width cottonwood and cypress sheathing.

This information credited to Mr. Michel Schorobiny of Quihi, Texas.

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